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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

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SUBJECT: Per Diem Payment to Major [REDACTED]
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REFERENCE: Memo to DD/S fr SA/PD/DCI, dtd 29 Jul 58,
same subject

1. A little background might be helpful on this case. An arrangement whereby military personnel in this category were assigned PCS Washington and TDY their various field assignments was a somewhat artificial arrangement to take care of the specific needs of the Project. It was similar to an authorized Air Force arrangement which is designed to take care of the pilots while on extended tours of duty in a succession of places without any true single base of operations. In addition, it was designed in part to encourage the personnel in question to spend as little time as possible in Washington by having their per diem automatically terminate when they reported in here.

2. In Major [REDACTED] case it would appear from the referenced memorandum that this rather artificial PCS assignment to Washington affected him under circumstances for which it was not intended. Under more normal circumstances he would have returned from a PCS assignment overseas and immediately on being called for temporary service for Project CHALICE would have been on TDY in Washington. Technically it is certainly highly unusual to change a PCS assignment to a TDY assignment in the same city, particularly as it was then converted back to PCS. However, due to the fact that the original PCS was purely a device to meet other administrative problems, it is in our opinion not objectionable to approve for per diem purposes consideration of the temporary assignment to Project CHALICE as a period of TDY duty in Washington until the date when conversion to PCS is made.

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